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Westminster, March 23.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act to enable the South-Sea Company to ingraft Part of their Capital Stock and Fund into the Stock and Fund of the Bank of England, and another Part thereof into the Stock and Fund of the East-India Company, and for giving further time for Payment to be made by the said South-Sea Company to the Use of the Publick.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act to preserve and encourage the Woollen and Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, and for the more effectual imploying the Poor, by prohibiting the Use and Wear of all printed, painted, stained or died Callicoes in Apparel, Houshold-Stuff, Furniture or otherwise, after the twenty fifth Day of December one thousand seven hundred twenty and two, (except as therein is excepted.)

An Act for the better Preservation of the Harbour of Rye in the County of Sussex.

An Act for finishing and adorning the New Chappel called St. George's Chappel in Great Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, and for enlightning the Streets of the said Town, by a Duty or Imposition on Coals, Culm, and Cinders, to be landed and consumed there.

An Act for making the River Weaver navigable from Frodsham Bridge to Windsford Bridge in the County of Chester.

An Act for enlarging the time for making the River Kennet navigable from Reading to Newbury in the County of Berks.

An Act to inclose the Common-Field of Lighthorne, and a Common called Lighthorne-Heath, in the County of Warwick.

An Act for draining, improving, and inclosing the Common called Stokesby Common, in the Parish of Stokesby in the County of Norfolk.

And to four private Bills.

Copenhagen, March 15. The Queen of Denmark died this Morning. Prince George of Hesse-Cassel proceeded from hence for Stockholm Yesterday Morning.

Paris, March 30. The Turkish Ambassadour had on the 26th Instant Audience of the Archbishop of Cambray as first Minister of State for foreign Affairs, to which he was conducted in a Coach and Six of the Archbishop's, followed by five others belonging to that Prelate, and 36 of his Footmen: He was afterwards entertained with Sweat-Meats and Sorbet in the Archbishop's Apartment. The next Day the Ambassadour went to the Opera, and on the 28th to the French Play-House, where there was a great Concourse of Persons of Distinction. This Afternoon he will be conducted to the Italian Play-House, and next Week to the Fair of St. Germains. M. Hop, Ambassadour of the States General to this Court, returned hither on the 23d Instant from the Hague, whither he went some Months ago; and on the 25th he had a private Audience of the King. M. de Bully and de Cartigny, two of the Syndicks of the India Company, being discharged from the Bastille, went on the 26th Instant to the Duke Regent to thank him for their Liberty. On the 27th a Council was held at the Palais Royal upon the late Petition of the India Company, at which Council were present the Duke Regent, the Duke of Bourbon, the Chancellour, the Comptroller General, the Commissioners appointed to examine the Petition, and the Syndicks of the Company, but the final Resolution was referred to the Council of Regency which is to be held To-Morrow. A General Assembly of the India Company is to be held next Week, wherein 'tis expected they will agree upon some new Proposals to be made to the King, in order to their being continued in their Privileges. An Express arrived at Court on the 28th in the Morning from Rome, with the News of the Pope's Death, which happened on the 19th Instant, after a Sickness of 24 Hours. The Cardinals Bussy and Mailly are preparing to set out for Rome on the 2d of April next, to assist at the Election of a new Pope. The Cardinals de Noailles, de Polignac, and de Gesvres, the first on Account of his not being agreeable to the Court of Rome, the second for being under the Displeasure of this Court, and the third on Account of his Infirmities, are dispensed from that Journey.

Hague, March 28. The States of the Province of Holland, when they broke up their last Assembly, left to the States General the concluding and settling of the Project for Farming the Customs: Since which their High Mightinesses have removed some Obstructions which were laid in the Way of that Project by the Province of Zealand, and seem likely in a few Days to master all the other Difficulties that thwarted it. The Pensionary M. Hornbeek having been the chief Promoter of this Scheme, his Friends expect he will gain Credit by recovering and improving so considerable a Fund which was almost sunk. A Company of Merchants and others of Rotterdam have already made an Offer of four Millions of Florins yearly for a Lease of the said Farm for 15 Years; whereas the Customs have not of a long Time produced above 1500000 Florins a Year. Prince Charles of Hesse, Son of the Landgrave of Philipstahl residing here, who went to France some Months ago, has taken Service there, and is made a Lieutenant-General, with a Promise of the first German Regiment that shall become vacant, and in the mean Time has a Pension of 8000 Livres a Year. The Squadron designed for the Mediterranean under the Command of Admiral Sommersdyke, will be ready to sail the Middle of May next: The Captains for the Ships which are to compose that Squadron, are all named; but there is to be no Rear-Admiral, as was expected.

Admiralty-Office, March 24, 1720.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty give Notice, That the Men belonging to the Ships of the Squadron under Sir John Norris, which have Pay due to them before the 31st of December, 1719, will be paid their Wages to that Time, before the Ships sail from the Buoy of the Nore, and that the said Payment will begin on the 3d of April next; and therefore their Lordships do hereby strictly require all the Men belonging to the said Squadron, who are now absent, forthwith to repair to their Duty, for that they will otherwise not only forfeit their Wages, but be punished according to the Articles of War.

South-Sea-House, March 24, 1720.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company do hereby give Notice, that Attendance will be given every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, till the 29th of April next, for the several Persons interested in the 3d and 4th Money Subscriptions, to make their several Claims for their respective Shares therein, of Mr. Conrade de Gelsa Cashier of the said Company; and that Stock, after the Rate of 400 per Cent. with the Midsummer-Dividend of 10 per Cent. in Stock, in Pursuance of a Resolution of the General Court held the 18th Instant, shall, with all possible Dispatch, be assigned to them for the same.

The Directors of the subscribed Equivalent-Debt do hereby give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Proprietors is appointed to be held at their House in Freeman's-Yard, Cornhill, on Thursday the 30th Instant, at Ten in the Morning, on special Affairs.